IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

Jeffrey W. Carpenter,	§
	§
Plaintiff,	§
	§
v.	§
	§ Civil Action No. 3:23-CV-00769-N
Twin City Fire Insurance Company,	§
	§ Jury Demand
Defendant.	§

BRIEF SUPPORTING PLAINTIFF JEFF CARPENTER'S PROPOSED FINAL JUDGMENT: POST-JUDGMENT INTEREST

This brief addresses federal post-judgment interest in the context of a successful *Stowers* claim arising from an underlying, state-court judgment. In *OneBeacon Ins. Co. v. T. Wade Welch & Assocs.*, No. 11-cv-03061, 2015 WL 926515 (S.D. Tex. Mar. 4, 2015), also a *Stowers* case, a court addressed this same issue. It determined that the federal post-judgment interest statute required post-judgment interest on the entire underlying state-court judgment, including the still-accruing state post-judgment interest reflected in that underlying state-court judgment. *Id.* at *4.

Additionally, since [28 U.S.C.] § 1961 requires the court to award statutory post-judgment interest on the damages, the final award will include statutory post-judgment interest on the entire award, including the [state court post-judgment interest of] \$1720.70 per day. While the court notes that the [judgment creditors] offered to waive the statutory post-judgment interest, since there has been no agreement amongst the parties stipulating to this waiver, the court must also award interest under section 1961.

Id. (emphasis and alterations added).

Like in *OneBeacon*, Plaintiff Jeff Carpenter made a similar offer—to have federal post-judgment interest apply only to the then-conditional and later-earned appellate fees portion of the underlying state court judgment. Twin City did not accept that offer. So, as in *OneBeacon*, there is no agreement. Accordingly, Jeff Carpenter now requests application of full post-judgment interest on the entirety of the underlying state-court judgment [including on the still-accruing state-court post-judgment interest]. Such interest is both appropriate and mandatory under Section 1961—as it was in *OneBeacon*.

Respectfully submitted,

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